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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOHAIR MARKET SURVEY TEAM

REF: PRAGUE 2720

1. MEMBERS OF TEAM AND EMBASSY CONCUR IN EVALUATING PRAGUE VISIT AS HIGHLY USEFUL AND PROMISING. CONTRACTS MADE AT GDYNIA FEDERATION/IWTO MEETING WERE DEFINITE BONUS TO PRIMARY PURPOSE OF EXPLORING CZECHOSLOVAK MARKET.

2. CENTROTEX INDICATED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK MOHAIR IMPORTS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AT LEVEL OF TWO TO THREE HUNDRED METRIC TONS (CLEAN WEIGHT) PER YEAR. AT CURRENT PRICE LEVELS, THIS REPRESENTS F.O.B. VALUES OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND TO NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR.

3. SUPPLIES FROM TRADITIONAL TRADE PARTNERS (BRADFORD, UK) ARE ASSURED THROUGH MARCH 1975. BEYOND THAT DATE, HOWEVER, CENTROTEX HAS MADE NO COMMITMENTS AND IS MORE THAN WILLING TO CONSIDER OFFERS FROM AMERICAN SUPPLIERS. TO THIS END, KLIMES WILL IN NEXT TWO WEEKS GIVE EMBASSY MOHAIR SAMPLES FOR PASSAGE TO MOHAIR COUNCIL OF AMERICA VIS FAS.

4. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE SUPPLY FROM U.S., KLIMES EMPHASIZED
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IMPORTANCE OF HAVING DELIVERED FIBERS STRICTLY

ADHERE TO AGREED SAMPLES. EMBASSY URGES THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
BE GIVEN TO SELECTING
POSSIBLE SUPPLIERS WHO ARE CAPABLE OF
MAINTAINING A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH
EVENTUAL CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS. TEAM MEMBERS ARE
AWARE OF THIS CONSIDERATION AND HAVE PROMISED FULL COOPERATION.

5. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME COPY OF TRIP REPORT FOLLOWING TEAM'S
RETURN TO UNITED STATES.
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